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SUBJECT: TERRORIST THREATS

BEGIN SUMMARY: ON MARCH 3 TWO BOMB THREATS AGAINST THE FUKUOKA CONSULATE WERE RECEIVED BY LOCAL POLICE. POLICE RESPONDED AND THE CONSULATE BUILDING AND GROUNDS SEARCHED BY SECURITY PERSONNEL. LOCAL POLICE HAVE INCREASED THEIR SECURITY MEASURES AT THE CONSULATE INCLUDING PLACING TWO DETECTIVES IN THE LOBBY TO INSPECT PERSONNEL AND PACKAGES. END SUMMARY.

1. AT 1645 MARCH 3, A JAPANESE MALE TELEPHONED THE JAPANESE MARITIME SELF-DEFENSE FORCE BASE IN SASEBO, SAYING "CHECK THE AMERICAN CONSULATE IN OHORI OF FUKUOKA-SHI". THE INFORMATION

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WAS RELAYED TO THE CHUO POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN FUKUOKA, WHO ALERTED THE POLICE ON GUARD DUTY. THEY ALSO DISPATCHED 28 ADDITIONAL PLAINCLOTHES POLICEMEN WHO CONDUCTED A THOROUGH SEARCH OF THE CONSULATE BUILDING, GROUNDS, ADJACENT CONSULAR RESIDENCE AND VACANT LOT, BUT DISCOVERED NOTHING.

2. AT 2150 HOURS, MARCH 3, A SECURITY GUARD AT THE FUKUOKA AIRPORT RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM A MALE JAPANESE, GUESSED TO BE 40 TO 50, WHO SAID "CHECK THE AMERICAN CONSULATE". CHUO POLICE HEADQUARTERS WERE CALLED AND IN TURN ALERTED

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THE POLICE ON GUARD DUTY AT THE CONSULATE. THE CONSULATE GROUNDS

WERE AGAIN CHECKED BY THE POLICE. NO EVIDENCE OF BOMBS WAS DISCOVERED.

3. AS RESULT OF THE THREATS, THE POLICE HAVE INCREASED THE SECURITY GUARDS ON DUTY AT THE CONSULATE AND HAVE PLACED TWO DETECTIVES IN THE CONSULATE LOBBY TO SCREEN PERSONNEL AND INSPECT PACKAGES.

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE TWO CALLS OF MARCH 3 APPEAR TO BE THE WORK OF CRANKS, AND THE POLICE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON ANYTHING SPECIFICALLY TARGETED AGAINST US, THE RECENT SENTENCING OF THE THREE MARUSEIDO MEMBERS WHO ATTACKED THE CONSULATE LAST YEAR

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AND THE BOMBING OF HOKKAIDO PREFECTURAL HEADQUARTERS MAKE THEM UNDERSTANDABLY NERVOUS. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE REACTED PROMPTLY, AND THE CONSULATE IS FULLY SATISFIED WITH POLICE PROTECTION. WE WILL REPORT ANY FUTHER THREATS TO THE EMBASSY PROMPTLY.

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